



## **Arlington Historic District Commissions Final & Approved Minutes – June 22, 2023**

Commissioners  
Present:

P. Chaves,  
B. LaBau, S. Makowka, C. Tee, J. Worden,

Commissioners  
Not Present:

D. Baldwin, C. Barry, B. Cohen, B. Melofchik, S. Savarese

Guests:

C. Strauss, J. Lamont, T. Lamont

- 1. AHDC Meeting Opens 8:00pm. S. Makowka called meeting to order at 802pm.**
- 2. Approval of draft minutes from May 25, 2023 – Request to table by S. Makowka until next meeting.**
- 3. Appointment of Alternate Commissioners – Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill – S. Makowka appointed himself and P. Chaves joined intime for start of hearing**
- 4. Communications**
  - a. S. Makowka reported that Town Counsel has drafted reply to the litigant's appeal**
  - b. J. Worden had oral communication that house at 57 Academy Street has scaffolding on side of building facing Mass Ave.**
  - c. S. Makowka received resignation from Alison Frank Johnson (Jason Gray) and noted that her efforts were truly appreciated. So we do have a Jason/Gray opening.**
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Formal Hearing for 178 Westminster Ave. (Reich-Strauss) for door and window changes – C. Strauss gave presentation. In presentation package – pg 1 application; no changes to footprint, most work at rear of house on s. facing wall they propose to replace metal door and vinyl windows with ; north windows being replaced with slight dimension changes but now all wood windows. Pg. 12 – google maps hot shown. Most of project along back of house. Slide 8 photograph oblique angle showing 2 windows with red circle (north facing wall standing at corner of house) which is view from street. Both windows will be visible at an oblique angle. On south facing side on right side (seeing front of house) nothing will change for most except for the red drawn things (mudroom that was maybe porch then enclosed) want to rebuild and make an insulated interior room. Taking triple crank casement window (louver/awnings) and door – two parallel windows will remain, just far back area. S side existing elevation shown. Proposed of new windows on north side shown (Marvin all wood double hung windows) one on left meant to be congruent with house and one on right needs to be shrunk to work with the kitchen design. In same location, but window will narrow and get taller. Current frames are lacking headers. They will be able to fill in areas affected with aluminum siding. Intention to emulate the 2 over 2. Original sills were much thicker – specs of windows have a standard sill which is much thinner and we want to request a sill to match up with existing window sills. The applied muntins with spacer bar are all consistent with our guidelines. Marvin website options given to the applicant. 1 3/16 or 2" will be the sill to match the existing sills better. Will be thicker than standard modern window sill. South side – left slanted roof windows and door are being replaced with 3 Marvin double hung windows. Headers should be at the same height. Hoping to have bottoms at different heights because of the sizes. B. Labau asked if the kitchen window could be wider and they can't figure it out how to make it work. Head of windows more important to be sure in alignment. S. Makowka thought everything looks great**

- except for the headers and the size of the sill. J. Worden moved approval with the modification that the sill be the size of the other existing ones (historical thickness) and headers of 2 north facing windows to be aligned. Seconded by B. LaBau. Unanimous approval – Tee – y, Worden – y, Labau – y, Chaves – y, Makowka – y. Monitor B. LaBau
- b. Informal Hearing for 72 Crescent Hill Ave. (Lamont) for garage replacement – Jacob and Tara Lamont gave presentation on proposed garage replacement. Currently metal garage and want to replace with proposed wood structure to match the house. Side door and windows should be all wood and match existing windows (2 over 2 etc). Garage door specs, product materials, etc will all be necessary for submission for the formal hearing. Foundation discussed as well. B. LaBau said to make sure the grade shows on the final presentation correctly.

**6. Old Business**

- a. Discussion of ZOOM vs in-person AHDC meetings – Carol will email commissioners and see how they feel about hybrid or in person meetings.
- b. Report from Streetscape sub-committee
- c. Modification of Design Guidelines (Little Libraries, Below Grade Windows)
- d. Joint AHDC/AHC Meeting – Shooting for Tuesday, May 16, 2023 on ZOOM at 730PM
- e. AHDC Public Input Meeting

**7. Meeting Adjourns – J. Worden moved to adjourn. Seconded by B. LaBau. Unanimous roll call to adjourn. 9pm**